

**§ 58-52-20. Organization of associations of insurers; powers; annual statements; mutual insurers may participate.**

An association formed for the purposes of this Article shall adopt articles of association for the organization, administration and regulation of its affairs, which articles of association and any amendments thereto shall be filed within 30 days of adoption of same with the Commissioner. Such association may establish requirements for membership of insurers, hold title to property, incur expenses for advertising, soliciting and administering such insurance, including payment of salary or compensation to persons employed by it, enter into contracts, limit the liability of and among its members, and shall be subject to the provisions of G.S. 1-69.1.

Such association shall file annually with the Commissioner, on such date and in such form as the Commissioner may prescribe, a statement with respect to its operations.

For the purpose of implementing joint action of insurers in furnishing accident and health insurance coverage to persons 65 years of age and older and their spouses, in accordance with the intent of this Article as expressed herein, insurers operating on a mutual plan, or on any other membership basis, may participate in such a plan, and the persons insured through the plan shall not be entitled to membership in any such insurer nor shall they be entitled to any dividend rights, voting rights, or any other rights peculiar to mutual insurance policyholders and participants in membership insurance plans. (1963, c. 1125; 1991, c. 720, s. 4.)